NOTICE OF ELECTION SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing will conduct a Special Election in the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. **Polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

The following proposal will be presented:

City Millage Proposal (full text below)

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

Lansing Ward 1

Pct. 1 - Otto Middle School

Pct. 2 - Board of Water & Light

Pct. 3 - Grand River Head Start

Pct. 4 - Bethlehem Temple Church

Pct. 5 - South Washington Office Complex

Pct. 8 - Fairview Elementary School

Pct. 9 - Post Oak Elementary School

Pct. 10 - Riverfront Apartments

Pct. 12 - Bingham Elementary School

Pct. 14 - Foster Community Center

Lansing Ward 2

Pct. 2 - Forest View Elementary School

Pct. 3 - South Washington Apartments

Pct. 4 - Mt. Hope Elementary School

Pct. 5 - Henry North Elementary School

Pct. 6 - Henry North Elementary School

Pct. 8 - Gardner Middle School

Pct. 10 - Forest View Elementary School

Pct. 11 - Gardner Middle School

Pct. 12 - Lyons Ave. Elementary School

Pct. 13 - Kendon Elementary School

Pct. 14 - Cavanaugh Elementary School

Lansing Ward 3

Pct. 1E - Southside Community Center

Pct. 3 - Elmhurst Elementary School

Pct. 4 - Lewton Elementary School

Pct. 5 - Attwood Elementary School

Pct. 6E Woodcreek Magnet School

Pct. 7 - Attwood Elementary School

Pct. 8 - Wainwright Magnet School

Pct. 10 - Dwight Rich Middle School

Pct. 12 - Averill Elementary School

Pct. 13 - Southside Community Center

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Pct. 15 - Pleasant View Magnet School

Lansing Ward 4

Pct. 2 - Emanuel First Lutheran Church

Pct. 3 - Willow Elementary School

Pct. 5 - Willow Elementary School

Pct. 6 - South Washington Office Complex

Pct. 7 - Grace Lutheran Church

Pct. 8 - Riddle Elementary School

Pct. 9 - Letts Community Center

Pct. 12 - Cumberland School

Pct. 13 - Transitions North

Pct. 14 - St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Pct. 15 - Lewton Elementary School

All polling places are accessible and voting <u>instructions</u> are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. An accessible voting device is also available.

Photo Identification Required to Vote:

Under a Michigan law passed in 1996 and upheld in July by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, check the Secretary of State Voter Information web site at www.michigan.gov/vote.

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, <u>2500 S. Washington Ave</u>, will be open on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue and accept absentee ballots to qualified electors.

Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk

MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This ballot proposal, if approved, will authorize a new additional millage of .8308 mills for a period of 5 years (from current year 2011 through 2015, inclusive), permitting the City of Lansing to levy a property tax in excess of the limitation imposed by the "Headlee Amendment," being Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963 (the "Headlee Cap"). Pursuant to the Home Rule City Act (the "Act"), being MCL 117.1 *et seq.*, the City Charter permits the City to levy property taxes at a rate of 20 mills (\$20 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value). The Headlee Cap has reduced the City's maximum taxing authority to 19.1692 mills.

This ballot proposal would restore the limitation on the City's taxing authority to the maximum of 20 mills permitted under Charter and the Act. This is .8308 mills in excess of the Headlee Cap of 19.1692 mills. If this ballot proposal is approved, the City could levy a 4 mill increase over the current rate of 15.44 mills (\$15.44 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value), resulting in a millage rate of 19.44 mills (\$19.44 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value), which is in excess of the 19.1692 mills currently authorized under the Headlee Cap.

For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011, the 4 mills of new additional millage to be levied is estimated to result in an additional \$8.5 million of revenue to be disbursed to the City of Lansing. If approved, and the City levied an additional .8308 mills in excess of the Headlee Cap of 19.1692 mills to the maximum amount of 20 mills, this would result in \$1.77 Million in estimated revenue to be disbursed to the City.

Shall the City restore its property taxing capacity to 20 mills for the next 5 years (from current year 2011 through 2015, inclusive), which is .8308 mills in excess of the current limit, and within which the City may raise the current levy of 15.44 mills by 4 mills to 19.44 mills for the purpose of funding essential services, including police, fire, and local road maintenance?

Yes	
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